



**Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation of Houston, Incorporated  
January 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

President LaDonna Harris called the IEACF meeting to order. The meeting was held at the Power Center immediately following the Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the documented agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Adoption of the Rules:**

Mrs. Betty Merritte Williams presented the following rules governing the meeting:

- A member wishing to address an issue must first be recognized by the President and then go to the microphone. No one can speak from their table.
- A member may speak only once on an issue until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to speak
- Comments must be limited to one minute. Debate on any issue is limited to five minutes.

The rationale for the recommendations for the governing meeting is that everyone should have an opportunity to speak.

**Meditation:** The meditation was provided by Mrs. Arlene Shelby Carter.

**Approval of November 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes:**

Mrs. Lisa Brooks presented the November 22, 2014 Foundation meeting minutes (Please see the attached report). A motion was made to approve the documented meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. The meeting minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:**

Mrs. Cherise Story provided the Statement of Financial Position report (Please see the attached report). The Foundation has a total of \$220,940 assets as of December 31, 2014. The total Permanently Restricted amount is \$111,042.13. The total cash amount is \$99,978.26. A total of \$12,845 is Temporary Restricted. These contributions are designated for scholarships that have been awarded but not yet disbursed. There is \$61,332 in Unrestricted Assets. There is a \$31,100 Liability Amount and \$4620 Deferred Revenue.

Mrs. Story also announced that funds were being transferred from the Black Rock Account to the Morgan Stanley investment account. A Comparison of Budget to Actual as of December 31, 2014 was also presented (Please see the attached report).

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee:**

Betty Merritte-Williams presented the Constitution and By Laws Report (Please see the attached report). Recommended proposed Bylaw amendment changes and ballots were distributed. Mrs. Merritte-Williams provided voting instructions. Foundation members were requested to cast their vote on the 14 recommended Bylaw amendment changes.

Mrs. Harris identified the following Teller Committee members: Quiana Smith, Pierre Mitchel, Demetria Williams, Wanda Pierce, Yavuanda White, Charvela Fearon, Chantay Morris, Edwina Johnson, Shalondra Moore, Marla Angibeau, Opal Ford and Jeania Mitchell. Ballots were collected.

**2015 Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show (SLFS):**

Mrs. Lisa Brooks presented the 2015 Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show report (Please see the attached report). Foundation members were encouraged to purchase tables, tickets or serve as a Sponsor and Pearls of Wisdom. Foundation members were reminded that all proceeds from the signature event would be utilized to provide scholarships to deserving youth.

Mrs. Brooks announced that the Model Call would be held February 17<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>. Foundation members were encouraged to sign up for the model call. They were also encouraged to sign up for the various subcommittees.

Mrs. Arlene Shelby Carter provided information regarding the raffle sale of a 40 inch television. The raffle tickets sold for \$10 each. Steering committee members were requested to provide assistance with the raffle sales.

Mrs. Carter thanked the following Foundation members for monetary donation for the television: Creaque Charles, Dawn Randall, Lori Davenport, Patricia Ingram, Karen Allen, Laresa Banks, Cecil Lakey-Williams, Karrah Demaris, Pamela Branch, Sheri Ford, Tiffany Green, Chaney Ladet, Jeania Mitchell, Martina Judge and Jackie Smith.

**Fundraising and Grants:**

Kim Topps presented the Fundraising and Grants committee report (Please see the attached report). A video of Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2014, donors was presented. Foundation members that donated on Giving Tuesday were acknowledged. Ms. Topps announced that \$1,565.58 was raised for various scholarships, in memory of and in honor of multiple individuals. Foundation members were encouraged to provide additional donations to support the identified scholarships.

Ms. Topps encouraged Foundation members to log onto [www.AmazonSmiles.com](http://www.AmazonSmiles.com) and select the Ivy Education and Charitable Foundation of Houston, Inc. as the charitable organization. For every eligible purchase, a donation will be made to the IEACF based on the total amount purchased. Ms. Topps informed Foundation members that a community award account will be established at Krogers. Once the account is established and the IEACF is identified as the charitable organization, a percentage of all purchases will be forwarded to the Foundation on a monthly basis.

**Gifts Committee:**

Mrs. Charlotte Bryant presented the Gifts Committee report (Please see the attached report). Historical information of the committee was provided. Foundation members that donated to the various Gifts Committees and "In memory of" specific individuals were identified and acknowledged. A total of \$12, 655 was raised by the Gifts Committee. The Multi-year pledge from 2012 to 2014 represented \$8,075 of these funds. Contributions that were made were by the Fabulous Foxes were also identified. A motion was made to accept the Gifts Committee report. The motion was accepted and approved.

**Housing and Property Committee:**

Mrs. Elnora Flewellen presented the Housing and Property Committee report (Please see the attached report). Mrs. Flewellen provided the purpose and vision of the Housing and Property Committee. Foundation members were informed that a request to form a Housing and Property Committee was submitted and approved January 6, 2015 by the Board of Directors.

Foundation members that are interested on working on the committee were requested to contact the IEACF President. Foundation members voiced concerns regarding the Foundation or Board of Directors making all and final decisions pertaining to the Housing and Property Committee. Foundation members were reminded that all decisions would be made in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter. Mrs. Flewellen moved for acceptance of the Housing and Property Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Installation of IEACF Officers:**

The following 2015 IEACF Board of Director officers were installed by Mrs. Polly Turner:

President:	LaDonna Harris
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Lillian Bourgeois
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Thedrial Jackson
Recording Secretary	Lisa Brooks
Treasurer	Karrah Demaris
Financial Secretary	Felecia Ransfer
Parliamentarian	Betty Merritte-Williams
Chaplain	Arlene Shelby Carter
Member at Large	Lucy Anderson
Member at Large	Karen Aubrey
Member at Large	Nkenge Berry Owens
Member at Large	Jo Carolyn Goode
Member at Large	Joyce Jacquet
Member at Large	Carol Pinkett
Member at Large	Cherise Story
Member at Large	Kim Topps
Member at Large	Marianne Walker
Emeritus Board Member	Annie Brew
Emeritus Board Member	Charlotte Bryant

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Teller's Report:**

Chantay Morris presented the Teller's Report. The voting strength was 145. The voting results for the identified IEACF By Law changes are provided below:

Article 5 - 142 votes yes; 3 votes no

Article 5 section 4 - 136 votes yes; 6 votes no

Article 6 section 10 – 127 votes yes; 10 votes no

Article 6 section 11 – 125 votes yes; 9 votes no

Article 7 section 1 – 130 votes yes; 5 votes no

Article 7 section 2(a) – 138 votes yes; 6 votes no

Article 7 section 2(g) – 128 votes yes; 5 votes no

Article 7 section 2(h) – 129 votes yes; 4 votes no

Article 7 sec 2(i) – 132 votes yes; 4 votes no

Article 8 sec 4 – 133 votes yes; 4 votes no

Article 9 sec 2 – 132 votes yes; 6 votes no

Article 9 sec 3 – 132 votes yes; 6 votes no

Article 9 sec 6 – 134 votes yes; 4 votes no

Article 18 – 126 votes yes; 4 votes no

A motion was made to accept the Teller's Committee report. The motion was seconded and approved. All the proposed amendment changes passed.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.